



# THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Entertainments.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL  
  
Under the Patronage of His Excellency Major-General G. DIGBY BARKER, C.B., Administering the Government.  
  
**TO-MORROW (Saturday) EVENING,** the 28th November.

**FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT** will be given by the LORNE ATHLETIC CLUB

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The following is the BAND PROGRAMME:—  
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To commence at 9 p.m.—The Surplus, if any, will be devoted to the Garrison Females and Soldiers & Sailor's Institutes.

"God Save the Queen!"  
Hongkong, November 27, 1891. 2191

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)  
Empress of India Tuesday 1st Dec.  
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THE M. S. EMPRESS OF INDIA, 5,900 tons, Captain O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 8th December, with Her Majesty's Mail, will proceed to VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

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**MR. WILKINSON KEEPS ON THE INDIAN TERRITORY.**—The following extract from Mr. Kipling's clever story in Macmillan's Magazine, in which he incidentally, in a day-dream, permits his fancies to wander on the subject:—"They concerned the formation of a territorial army for India—an army of specially paid men, enlisted for twelve years' service in Her Majesty's Indian possessions, with the option of extending on medical certificates, for another five, and the certainty of a pension at the end." They would be such an army as the world had never seen—100,000 trained men drawing annually five, no, fifteen thousand men from England, marching India their home, and allowed to marry on return. Yes, they thought we would bring back characters from the drain-men in cells who was turning it into a hell, where we would plant our much-needed regiments—the men who had served ten years of their time—and there they should breed in white soldiers, and, perhaps, a second fighting-line of Europeans. At all events, Cashmere was the only place in India that the Englishman could colonise, and if we had foothold there we could—"

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"Just as to propose their decision in order that the applicant might find a more suitable locality."

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## THE SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Registrar General, presided. There were also present—Hon. F. A. Cooper, Acting Surveyor General; Mr. G. Horrocks, Acting Superintendent of Police; Hon. Ho Kai, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, and Mr. H. McCullum, Sanitary Superintendent.

## A ANALYSIS OF TAIAM AND POKFULAM WATER.

The Government Analyst's monthly report for October on the state of Taiam and Pokfulam water was laid on the table. The following remarks on the analyses were attached to the report:—"I observed in a column 24 in. long that the filtered Pokfulam water was clear and bright. The absence of both "free" and "abundant" ammonia is a noteworthy feature. This supply may be placed in the front rank of waters of great organic purity. With the exception of a slight turbidity in the case of the Taiam specimen, the results of the examination of this supply are satisfactory. Experiments having for their object the complete removal of the substance which gives to this water a faint turbid appearance, even when carefully filtered, are still in progress."

## COMMON LODGING-HOUSE BY-LAWS.

The President said it would be within the memory of the members that a report was submitted to the Board at last meeting but one on the subject of common-lodging houses by-laws. It was the intention, he thought, of those who signed that report that the collection of additional information and the reconsideration of the whole subject should in the first instance, be entrusted to a committee of the Board. He thought it would be a very wise step to take in order that the question might be considered more fully and in order that sufficient information might be collected, which, he thought, they were all agreed, was desirable to obtain. With regard to the formation of the committee, it occurred to him that Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Francis and Mr. East (who would be here shortly) were appointed to make these inquiries, they would probably be as good a committee as could be selected. Of course the other members of the Board would be ready to give any assistance they could.

Mr. Humphreys thought that, as the subject was an important one the committee should be larger.

Dr. Ho Kai proposed that those who formed the former committee on this subject be appointed, namely, the President, Dr. Ayres, Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Francis and Mr. Humphreys.

Mr. Humphreys seconded and the motion was adopted.

The Board then adjourned till this day fortnight.

## LICENSING MEETING.

A special session of Justices of the Peace was held to-day for the purpose of considering two applications for public-house licences. Mr. A. G. Wise, Police Magistrate presided, and there were also present: Hon. Ho Kai, Messrs. Granville Sharp, G. Murray, Bain, J. D. Humphreys, P. Bourne, A. Shelton Hooper, J. A. de Carvalho and G. Horrocks.

## A NEW STORE IN JUBILEE STREET.

The first application considered was that of Khadcoor Jacob Shellim for a publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors in the premises known as No. 1 Jubilee Street.

The Chairman said the Justices would remember that Mr. Shellim at last meeting applied for a licence for premises in Wellington Street and was refused. He understood it was now the applicant's intention to take a house in Jubilee Street to be called the Colonial Hotel. There was no police objection.

Mr. Wilton, who appeared in support of the application, said the objection on the last occasion was against the locality and the applicant had now found a suitable place he hoped the Justices would grant the application. Mr. Shellim had taken No. 1 Jubilee Street and intended taking No. 2 also. And there was no objection to the licence by the residents in the neighbour-

hood. He was desirous of having a hotel chiefly to accommodate Jews, and he was supported by a large number of the Jewish community in making this application. He was a man of good character and ample testimony in support of that statement could be produced. The objection that there were too many public-houses of various classes in that neighbourhood might possibly be put forward, but this one would not interfere with those already in existence as it was intended for a particular object, and for a particular class of people. Mr. Wilton was of opinion that the locality he (Mr. Wilton) would ask to marry on return. Yes, we would bring back characters from the drain-men in cells who was turning it into a hell, where we would plant our much-needed regiments—the men who had served ten years of their time—and there they should breed in white soldiers, and, perhaps, a second fighting-line of Europeans. At all events, Cashmere was the only place in India that the Englishman could colonise, and if we had foothold there we could—"

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Disembarking at the nearest landing the troops marched off in the direction of the spot in which the pirates were said to be entrenched. In the distance appeared a mound, perhaps fifty feet in height above the sea level on which could be seen a hastily-constructed new fort. This was the pirates' stronghold!

Two miles off shore the pirates' fort was halted, declaring it was unsafe to venture nearer to the spot until they were assured of the number of the enemy.

This mound on which the fort stood was near the sea-coast, overlooking a small bay on the shores of which lay a fishing town.

The naval contingent was in waiting in the bay, being afraid to approach the shore or make a landing lest they should be overwhelmed by the pirates. The people in the fishing town was supposed to be in league with the pirates, which made it doubly unsafe for the crew of the gunboat to land. Communication was soon established between the force on the land and that on the water. Inquiry was also made for the local military force, but it was not found that the pirates had practically parted with their arms to another and now wanted another, and it was against the policy of the Government to allow despatch of that description. Mr. Wilkinson must have got his idea of Mr. Gomes's retirement from some source, else he would not have made the statement. It might have led the Justices to grant the transfer, whereas if it had been stated that Mr. Gomes intended to start another public-house the transfer might have been refused.

It was true Mr. Gomes had been a long time in the colony, but he did not think that was any reason why he should be assisted in dealing with his business. To-morrow we will storm the fort and kill the miscreants.

To the demand of the officers that the people should supply the troops with food they responded readily, supposing that two or three days at the most would end such obstructions.

Mr. Wilkinson said he thought that the Justices would accept his assurance that he was to retire from business. The terms of the agreement showed that he intended to make another application at some time.

He submitted that the statement he made by mistake could not have had the slightest effect as regards the granting of the transfer to Dannenberg.

The Justices, after deliberating in private, decided to refuse the application.

Mr. Wilkinson asked if their refusal had anything to do with the character of the applicant.

The Chairman said he might inform Mr. Wilkinson, although he was in no way bound to do so, that there was nothing against the character of the applicant as a publican.

This concluded the meeting.

## PIRACY IN THE CHINA SEAS.

## II.

## FAT AND UMBRELLA TACTIC.

"A band of desperate pirates have landed and entrenched themselves in a stronghold near the Ngai-niu, in the San-di district and are making raids into the surrounding country, robbing and murdering the people."

Such was the import of a despatch sent by the local magistrate to the Viceroy in Canton, with a strong appeal for help. After a brief consultation with several subordinates in his office, His Excellency sent at once a despatch to the mandarins in charge of the little steam-ruiser that was supposed to guard that section of the coast, commanding him to repair at once to the spot indicated. At the same time a despatch was also sent to the military commander of the small station adjacent, to muster his whole force and call in as many of the local militia as could be obtained and unite with the naval force against the common enemy. To insure complete success a special force several thousand strong was despatched from one of the camps near the city of Canton, under command of an officer of some repute. They embarked in large boats, and on the following day reached the scene of action.

Many harrowing tales of the cruelty and oppression of the pirates were heard as they drew near the place. One village they passed had been half-burnt by the desperadoes. The pigs and oxen had all been driven off, and the rice crop, which had just been safely harvested, had all been stolen.

"See here," said the leading man, "every house in this town had a pig, some of them several; now, this is all we have left;

and to a hollow-sided, rancid-backed specimen, followed by half a dozen thin scraggling young ones, which in the matter of leanness showed a striking family resemblance."

"This was the home of our head man, who, although he was rich, was kind and generous. He has now carried off with his two wives and is now held for ransom."

Having thrown up their earthworks and mounted guard to which the

demanded, but with their house burned, their best clothing stolen and their fields, they find it very hard to get sufficient for the purpose. I hear they have given a heavy mortgage on their land to the leading man in the next town."

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